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In re Patent Application of:
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For: POROUS PLANAR ELECTRODE
SUPPORT IN A SOLID OXIDE FUEL
CELL (as amended)

RESPONSE AFTER FINAL ACTION (37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.116)

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated November 17, 2003 (Paper No. 8), and the Advisory Action dated March 23, 2004, (Paper No. 03182004), finally rejecting claims 1-4 and 6-17. Concurrently herewith, Applicant has petitioned for a two-month extension of time and has paid the appropriate fee. Consequently, this response is timely filed by April 17, 2004.

Claims 5 and 10 were previously cancelled. Claims 1-4, 6-9, and 11-17 are pending in the present application.

Based on a conversation with the Examiner on April 13, 2004, it is apparent that the Examiner has maintained the rejection of claims 1-4, 6-9, and 11-17 because he believes that the planar support material may also include a cermet material, as disclosed in WO 97/23007 (Naoumidis, et al.). However, Applicant submits that the limitation of "a